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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

Dear Examiner Tung:

This response is being submitted in reply to a Restriction Requirement that was issued in the above-identified application on September 30, 2003.

A petition requesting a two-month extension of time for the filing of the present response is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 501169.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks, which are submitted under the Revised Amendment Format according to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

(1) Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;

(2) Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.